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SUBJ: SENGHOR INTERVIEW IN LE MONDE

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1. STATEMENT IN LE MONDE JUNE 7 THAT PRESIDENT OF SENEGAL DOES NOT CONTEST, FUNDAMENTALLY, LE MONDE VERSION OF INTERVIEW REPORTED REFTEL, HAS PROVOKED FURTHER RESPONSE FROM SENGHOR IN FORM OF ANOTHER STATEMENT ISSUED BY OFFICE OF PRESIDENT AND EDITORIAL BY BARA DIOUF BOTH ON PAGE ONE OF LE SOLEIL OF JUNE 8.

2. PRESIDENCY STATEMENT ACCUSES REPORTER DE LA GUERIVIERE OF DISLOYALTY AND DISTORTING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS BY ONLY REPORTING PART OF WHAT HE SAID. FOR EXAMPLE, SENGHOR'S COMMENT THAT AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY WOULD CONTINUE WITH RESPECT RAW MATERIALS IN GENERAL AND PETROLEUM IN PARTICULAR LEFT OUT. ALSO REPORTER NEGLECTED SAY IT WAS THROUGH "POLITENESS" THAT GISCARD ASKED FOR PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S VIEW ON FRENCH-AFRICAN RELATIONS. PRESIDENCY ADDED IT IS DENOUNCING FUNDAMENTAL SUBSTANCE AS WELL AS FORM OF INTERVIEW.

3. DIOUF EDITORIAL STRESSED NECESSITY FOR ARABS AND AFRICANS STICK TOGETHER AND COMBAT DETERIORATING TERMS EXCHANGE ADDING THAT UNDENIABLY PRICE OF SOLIDARITY IS "HEAVY". DIOUF ALSO DECLARES THAT SENEGALESE CHIEF OF STATE "HAS BEEN KEEN DEFENDER OF AFRICA ECONOMICALLY INTEGRATED BY GEOGRAPHIC ZONES, EXCLUDING ALL LINGUISTIC AND RACIAL CLEAVAGE, AND, MOREOVER, DURABLY ASSOCIATED WITH EUROPE."

4. COMMENT: THIS EPISODE DEMONSTRATES ONCE AGAIN PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S SENSITIVITY TO ITEMS PUBLISHED IN FRENCH PRESS.
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